IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An assembly comprising:

a door panel including a first hole;

a part of a window regulator housing including a second hole;

a part of a window regulator motor including a third hole;

a locating member assembled into the first hole, the second hole, and the third hole, the locating member including a small diameter cylindrical portion and a large diameter cylindrical portion, ~~and with~~ the small diameter cylindrical portion ~~is~~ concentric relative to the large diameter cylindrical portion to provide a shoulder,

the locating member further including a first fixing portion near the small diameter cylindrical portion to secure the part of the window regulator housing relative to the assembly and a second fixing portion near the large diameter portion to secure the part of the window regulator motor relative to the assembly,

~~wherein~~ the small diameter cylindrical portion ~~is being~~ located in the second hole to align the locating member relative to the part of the window regulator housing and the large diameter portion ~~is being~~ located in the third hole to align the locating member relative to the part of the window regulator motor, thereby aligning the part of the window regulator housing relative to the part of the window regulator motor, and

wherein the door panel is located between the part of the window regulator housing and the part of the window regulator motor and between the shoulder and the part of the window regulator housing.

2. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The assembly as defined in claim 1 wherein one of the first fixing portion and the second fixing portion includes a thread to define a threaded fixing portion.

3. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The assembly as defined in claim 2 wherein the threaded fixing portion engages the part of the window regulator housing.

4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The assembly as defined in claim 2 wherein the threaded fixing portion engages the part of the window regulator motor.

5. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The assembly as defined in claim 2 further including a nut, and wherein the threaded fixing portion engages the nut.

6. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The assembly as defined in claim 2 wherein the threaded fixing portion includes parallel sides.

7. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The assembly as defined in claim 2 wherein the threaded fixing portion is tapered.

8. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The assembly as defined in claim 1 wherein the locating member further includes a driving formation.

9. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The assembly as defined in claim 1 wherein at least one of the first fixing portion and the second fixing portion is a rivet.

10. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The assembly as defined in claim 1 wherein the small diameter cylindrical portion of the locating member is located ~~on~~in the first hole of the door panel.

11. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The assembly as defined in claim 1 wherein the part of the window regulator housing is aligned relative to the part of the window regulator motor more accurately than the locating member is aligned relative to the door panel.

12. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The assembly as defined in claim 1 wherein at least one of the second hole and the third hole is a through hole.

13. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The assembly as defined in claim 1 wherein at least one of the second hole and the third hole is a blind hole.

14. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The assembly as defined in claim 1 wherein the ~~first~~ door panel is sealed relative to the part of the window regulator housing.

15. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The assembly as defined in claim 1 wherein the door panel is sealed relative to the part of the window regulator motor.

16-18. (CANCELLED)

19. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The assembly as defined in claim 1 wherein the door panel, the part of the window regulator housing and the part of the window regulator motor are fixed relative to each other.

20. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The assembly as defined in claim 19 further including a second locating member, and the ~~location~~locating member and the second locating member fix the door panel, the part of the window regulator housing and the part of the window regulator motor relative to each other.

21-23. (CANCELLED)

24. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The assembly as defined in claim 1 further including a nut that releasably clamps the part of the window regulator motor against the door panel, and wherein the second fixing portion includes a threaded portion engagable by the nut.

25. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The assembly as recited in claim 24 wherein the second fixing portion further includes a driving formation that applies a torque to the locating member, and the driving formation is located at an end of the locating member remote from the shoulder.

26. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The assembly as recited in claim 1 wherein both the first fixing portion and the second fixing portion include a thread.

Please amend paragraph 20 as follows:

The door panel assembly 10 can be assembled in two distinct manners. In a first method of assembly, the window regulator housing 12 can be aligned relative to the door panel and the locating feature 24 (absent the nut 32) can be inserted through the through hole 14A and into the blind hole 12A. The locating feature 24 can then be rotated by a screwdriver that engages the slot 31 such that the tapered threaded portion 28 engages the tapered portion 20 of the blind hole 12A. In this case, the tapered portion 20 is initially plain sided i.e., it does not include threads, and as the locating feature 24 is screwed into the blind hole 12A, the tapered threaded portion 28 self taps a thread into the material of window regulator housing 12. In one example, the window regulator housing 12 is made of plastic. Such an arrangement provides for a subassembly including the locating feature 24 which secures the door panel 14 to the window regulator housing 12.

Please amend paragraph 21 as follows:

It should be noted that the length L of the small diameter portion d can be slightly less than or slightly greater than the height H of the parallel sided portion 18 plus the thickness T of the door panel 14. The former case provides for a subassembly in which the door panel 14 is clamped to the window regulator housing 12. The latter case provides for an arrangement whereby the shoulder 26 abuts the shoulder 22, and the door panel 14 is not clamped relative to the window regulator housing 12. The window regulator motor 16 can then be assembled onto the large diameter portion D and the nut 32 can be threaded onto the parallel sided threaded portion 30 and tightened to provide the complete door panel assembly 10.

Please amend paragraph 22 as follows:

The second method of assembling the components is to be preassemble the nut 32 onto the locating feature 24, align the window regulator housing 12, the door panel 14 and the window regulator motor 16, sequentially insert the locating feature 24 through the holes 16A, 14A and 12A, and tighten via the slot ~~3231~~ to secure the door panel assembly 10 in one operation. Using the second method is particularly useful when initially assembling the door panel assembly 10.

Please amend paragraph 23 as follows:

The first method is particularly useful when the window regulator motor 16 requires removal or replacement. The nut 32 can be removed, the window regulator motor 16 can be removed, and a replacement window regulator motor can then be assembled without having to move the locating feature 24 from the holes 12A and~~14A and 12A~~. Thus, it is not required to disturb the connection between the door panel 14 and the window regulator housing 12.

Please amend paragraph 24 as follows:

The small diameter portion d is a relatively snug fit within the parallel sided portion 18, and the large diameter portion D is a relatively snug fit within the through hole 16A. Thus, by controlling the dimensions and manufacturing tolerances on the large and small diameter portions D[[,]] and d and also on the through holes 16A and the parallel sided portion 18, it is possible to align the window regulator housing 12 with the window regulator motor 16 relatively accurately. In particular, it is often necessary to align ~~these two components~~the window regulator housing 12[[,]] and the window regulator motor 16 relative to each other more accurately than they are aligned relative to the door panel 14, and it will be noted from Figure 1 that the through hole 14A is of significantly larger diameter than the blind hole 12A. Thus, under certain installations the dimensional accuracy of the through hole 14A can be relaxed to provide a cheaper door panel assembly 10.

Please amend paragraph 25 as follows:

The door panel assembly 10 of the window regulator motor 16, the door panel 14 and the window regulator housing 12 as described above includes a single locating feature 24. However, preferably, a plurality of locating features 24 can be assembled into the appropriate holes to provide the door panel assembly 10. Preferably two or three locating features 24 are used. Where a plurality of locating features 24 are used at spaced part locations, the locating features 24 ensure that the first, second and third components cannot move relative to each other.

Please amend paragraph 26 as follows:

However, it should be noted that where only a single locating features 24 is used; then further devices such as tabs, pips, recesses, pins etc. can be used to ensure the first, second and third components are fixed relative to each other, in particular to ensure that none of the first, second or third components can be rotated about the axis of the ~~fixing~~locating features 24.

Please amend paragraph 28 as follows:

Figures 3A and 3B show an alternative form of the door panel assembly 10 according to the present invention in which the tapered threaded portion 28 of Figure 2 has been replaced with a rivet 128 integral with the locating feature 124. Figure 3A shows the rivet 128 just inserted through the door panel 14 and the window regulator housing 12. Figure 3B shows the rivet 128 peened over such that the door panel 14, the window regulator motor 16 and the locating feature 124 are retained as a subassembly.

Please amend paragraph 29 as follows:

Furthermore, it is possible to seal the door panel assembly 10 e.g., by providing a seal between the window regulator housing 12 and the door panel 14, or alternatively by providing a seal between the window regulator motor 16 and the door panel 14.

Please amend paragraph 30 as follows:

Whilst it is possible to provide ~~an~~ a door panel assembly 10 according to the present invention including components other than door panels 14, window regulator mechanisms and window regulator motors 16, the invention is particularly applicable to the automotive industry. In particular, the first component can be a body pressing panel or other sheet metal component of a car.